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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT SECRETARIAT GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Committee Charter Consultation – *Missouri River* – *South Dakota* – *Task Force*

Pursuant to Public Law 106-541 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Department of Defense established the *Missouri River – South Dakota – Task Force* (hereafter referred to as the South Dakota Task Force) in February 2004.

The South Dakota Task Force is a companion to the *Missouri River – North Dakota – Task Force*, which was authorized in the same legislation. The membership for each task force is established in the statute, and in both instances the governor for each State is responsible for nominating a portion of the task force's membership. Specifically, the governor is responsible for nominating representatives from the Native Indian Tribes in his State.

While the Governor of North Dakota has nominated and the Secretary of the Army has appointed members to the *Missouri River – North Dakota – Task Force*, no action has been taken by the Governor of South Dakota to nominate people for the South Dakota Task Force.

The Department of Defense is unable to proceed with the South Dakota Task Force until Governor Michael Rounds of South Dakota nominates representatives of his Native Indian Tribes to serve on this advisory committee.

Accordingly, the Department of Defense respectfully requests the CMS' approval to continue the administrative suspension of this advisory committee.

The Director of Administration and Management for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, who exercises the Secretary of Defense's statutory and regulatory authorities, and the Department of the Army, who would be the DoD Sponsor for this advisory committee, agreewith request.

Please advise if the Department of Defense needs to publish a Federal Register notice to announce that the Task Force, with your concurrence is being administratively suspended.

If you should have any questions about this charter please contact my point of contact, Mr. Jim Freeman, at 703-601-2554, extension 128.

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